

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 250 - SB 342

April 8, 2019

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Enables wildlife officers with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) to authorize payroll deductions for the payment of membership dues to the officers association.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (007101):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Enables wildlife officers with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) to authorize payroll deductions for the payment of membership dues to the officers association. Prohibits the officers association from using the dues paid to them for “political activities”, defined in the proposed legislation as “electoral activities, independent expenditures, or expenditures made to any candidate, political party, or political action committee.” Requires that the any association which meets the criteria set forth in this proposed legislation must file a statement with the Commissioner of the Department of Finance and Administration (F&A) that includes the specific number of wildlife officers employed by the TWRA who are members of the association. Authorizes the Commissioner of F&A to request that the association certify that it complies with the requirements of this proposed legislation. Prohibits F&A from making a final decision regarding an association’s eligibility to receive automatic payroll deductions until that association has been audited and approved by the Comptroller of the Treasury to accept those membership dues.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 8-23-204 enables state employees to authorize payroll deductions for the payment of membership dues to an employee association. The proposed legislation adds wildlife resource officers to those employees that may authorize a payroll deduction to be paid to the Wildlife Resource Officers Association.
- The proposed legislation will not impact the policies or operations of the TWRA.

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- Limiting the ways in which officer associations may use the money they receive from dues will not have a significant fiscal impact on state or local government.
- It is assumed that any increase in expenditures incurred by the Comptroller of the Treasury for auditing the association will be accomplished within existing resources, and will not result in any significant increase in expenditures.
- Any expenditure associated with F&A's role in making a decision on an association meeting the proposed legislation's requirements is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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